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FOREWORD

In this report the Budget Committee for the Fishing Industry presents the results for their cost and earnings study in 1980 for "vessels that are generally well operated and well equipped and being used for fishing the whole year" in the size range 8.0-12.9 m overall length. This is a continuation of the studies for vessels in the size range 25-39 feet registered length for the years 1977-79.

The economist in charge of these studies, Jan Einar Hellesland, Office for Cost and Earnings Studies, Directorate of Fisheries, has directed the work in this report.

The Budget Committee has approved the contents and form of the report.

Bergen, May 1982.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Budget Committee has from 1968 published results from cost and earnings studies for vessels of 40 feet and over.

The first cost and earnings study for vessels under 40 feet were carried out by the Committee for the years 1974, 1975 and 1976. In these years the vessel lengths were 20-39 feet registered length and the studies included vessels from Finnmark to Rogaland.

The Committee found the results to be too unreliable for publication. The unreliability was chiefly due to a low response percentage and problems in segregating vessels operating the whole year from part-time operating vessels. In addition there was a considerable uncertainty attached to the calculation of the total number of whole year operated vessels of this size and distribution of these on the vessel groups.

To get a better knowledge of the total number of vessels operated the whole year and their operations, the Committee carried out special studies (in 1977 and 1979) to map out the operation and activity of each individual registered vessel. At the same time the lower size limit for the vessels was

raised to 25 feet. As a result the quality of the data improved and a summary of the results was published for 1977 and 1978.

The response percentage also improved so that the Committee decided to publish both summaries and the results for individual vessel groups for 1979 and this report for 1980.

In line with the changeover from feet to metres as the measuring unit for vessel sizes, the vessel size limits in the 1980 studies have been changed from 25-39.9 feet registered length to 8-12.9 metres overall (longest) length.